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Castro hoping to exceed expectations in Iowa

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PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Presidential candidate Julian Castro made another pass through Lee County Monday night as the first-in-the-nation caucuses loom just eight weeks away.

Castro, the former mayor of San Antonio and Secretary of Housing and Urban Development under President Barack Obama, met with about 40 residents at the LULAC club to press for support.

“I want to ask you for your support. This campaign has not been one of the campaigns that has been right at the very top, but we’ve been working hard and more people have found this campaign over the past few weeks,” he told the group.

The 45-year-old Texan said he didn’t have benchmarks or thresholds going into the early voting season. He hasn’t qualified for the last two debates, but he said his goal now is to exceed expectations in Iowa and other early states.

“Right now I’m trying to beat expectations in Iowa,” Castro said after his speech. “These presidential campaigns are about the expectations that are set as much as anything else, and we’re working hard on doing that.”



Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Presidential candidate Julian Castro talks with potential voters at the LULAC Club in Fort Madison Monday night. Below, Castro talks with Lee County Democrat Chair Mary Jo Riesberg and vice chair Vernon Windsor prior to his remarks to about 45 at the LULAC Club Monday night.



He said he wanted to use a strong showing in Iowa to springboard into early primary states and then get to his home state of Texas and Super Tuesday on March 3.

Castro spoke on the majority of popular issues

including health care, immigration, criminal justice, and education.

He believes the middle class and working poor need a fairer shot at higher education and the cost of that education is prohibitive to too many Ameri-

cans.

“We need to drastically lower the cost of higher education and, in addition to that, I’ve put forward a plan for student loan debt relief so students that have incurred debt can see some relief,” he said.

“Especially those whose income doesn’t support paying off these student loans with a focus on the middle class and working poor, as well as those dedicating time to public interest programs of some sort.”

He said the program would include a cap on the percentage of the loans they could repay, and forgiveness in some circumstances.

Improving access to higher education and free early childhood education, he said, is a means to strengthening the middle class and the poor in the country.

“Jobs require more knowledge and more skill than ever before. We’re also competing against countries around the world whose young people are more educated than ever before,” he said.

“That means we need to make sure our folks have as much opportunity to get an education however they want it.”

He said we also have to ensure we’re a healthier

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Shopko property has new owner

Investment firm buys lot for \$360K in September

BY CHUCK
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FORT MADISON – Future plans for the former Shopko building in Fort Madison are still unclear, but the building does have a new owner and local officials are working on getting it cleaned up.

According to Beacon Schneider’s website Cool Investments, LLC out of Scottsdale, Ariz., purchased the building and the outlying property in September for \$360,000 from a New York real estate firm helping to liquidate more than 60 properties as of the Ashwaubenon, Wis.-based company.

According to the Lee County Treasurer’s office, the land and building are valued at just over \$915,000.

Fort Madison Partner’s Executive Director Tim Gobble said he hasn’t been told what the plans are for the building but said he has been asked to help get the area and property cleaned up.

“As of right now, I don’t know what the plans are. They haven’t been telling

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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police Report

12/6/19 – 10:19 a.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 200 block of 23rd Street.
 12/6/19 – 2:07 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1200 block of Avenue H.
 12/6/19 – 4:08 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1200 block of Avenue F.
 12/7/19 – 4:44 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3100 block of Avenue K.
 12/7/19 – 6:43 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 3100 block of Avenue K.
 12/7/19 – 7:22 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 3400 block of Avenue L.
 12/8/19 – 6:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft in the 1500 Avenue E.
 12/8/19 – 7:41 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a burglary in the 1300 block of 30th Street.
 12/6/19 – 8:14 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Tyler Jean Hymes, 21, of Fort

Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue G, on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released upon citation.
 12/6/19 – 4:26 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Taylor Russell Young, 26, of Fort Madison on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.
 12/8/19 – 9:53 a.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Mark Allen Lee, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving while suspended. He was released upon citation.
 12/9/19 – 3:47 a.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Justin Lee Ellefritz, 36, of Fort Madison on 29th Place on a charge of simple domestic abuse assault. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Lee County Sheriff's Report

12/6/19 – 10:31 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Charles Henry Mitchell, 39, of Keokuk in the 3400 block of Carbide Lane on a charge of driving under suspension. He was released upon citation.
 12/6/19 – 11:00 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Neysa Marie Root, 35, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's

office on a judgment hold.
 12/6/19 – 12:29 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Steven Eriq Freeman, 49, of Keokuk, at the sheriff's office on a warrant for parole and a charge of trespass.
 12/6/19 – 3:30 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Angela Andrenia Bollin, 51, of Waterloo, at the Blackhawk County Jail on a warrant for failure to appear. She was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on her recognizance.
 12/6/19 – 5:45 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Christopher Mikhel Flores 38, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office, on a warrant for judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released for time served.
 12/7/19 – 6:45 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Taylor Russell Young, 25, of Fort Madison, at the sheriff's office on a judgment hold. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.
 12/7/19 – 6:59 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jesse Walter Brunk, 43, of Farmington, no location given, on a charge of driving under suspension. He was taken to the Lee County Jail and released on bond.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report

12/2/19 – Jason W Todd, age 42, of Lomax, IL was arrested and charged with Driving While License Revoked. Todd was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Todd remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 12/2/19 – Christopher O Brownlee, age 33, of Basco, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Battery. Brownlee was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 12/3/19 – Holly L Skees, age 35, of Niota, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Skees remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 12/3/19 – Jordan TA Quintero, age 22, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Resisting Peace Officer, Quintero was also arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Domestic Battery, Aggravated Domestic Battery, and Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence, Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Attempt Obstructing Justice, Battery and Driving While License Suspended. Quintero remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
 12/4/19 – Kobe J Coop, age 19, of LaHarpe, IL was arrested and charged with Disorderly Conduct. Coop was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 12/4/19 – April D Settles, age 38, of Carthage, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant

charging him with Theft and Criminal Trespass to Real Property. Settles was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date.
 12/4/19 – Jessica S Deakle, age 36, of Bloomington, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence for Probation Violation on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Deakle was also arrested on an Adams County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Deakle remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 12/5/19 – Erin C Lopez, age 52, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Contempt of Court. Lopez remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 12/5/19 – Kenneth L Soper, age 40, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Contempt of Court. Soper remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her next court appearance.
 12/6/19 – Michael J Ingerson, age 20, of Marshalltown, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence for Probation Violation on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Ingerson remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance.
 12/7/19 – Tita S Duvall, age 46, of LaHarpe, IL was arrested and charged with Domestic Battery. Duvall remains lodged

in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting her initial court appearance.
 12/7/19 – Dalton M White, age 19, of Kahoka, MO was arrested and charged with Residential Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Obstructing Justice. White remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance.
 12/7/19 – James Thomas Dean Allen-Cook, age 21, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Burglary, Possession of Burglary Tools, Possession of Methamphetamine. Allen-Cook remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance.
 12/8/19 – Dalton R Bemis, age 22, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance and Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. Bemis remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his initial court appearance.
 12/8/19 – Michael D Thurman, age 40, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Driving While License Suspended. Thurman remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail in lieu of bail awaiting his next court appearance.
Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

12/6/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call.
 12/7/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to eight medical calls and CO2 alarm.
 12/8/19 – Fort Madison Firefighters responded to one medical call and one false alarm.

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Obituaries/Lottery Numbers

OBITUARIES

JADEN MICHAEL BUDOFF

Jaden Michael Budoff, 12, of Niota, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2019, at Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa.

Jaden was born to Teresa Keller on December 29, 2006, in Carthage, Illinois, and attended the Nauvoo-Colusa Schools. Some of his favorite pastimes included riding his four-wheeler and playing basketball.



BUDOFF

He always loved lending a helping hand around the house, whether it be cleaning, cooking, laundry or dishes. He especially enjoyed mowing the lawn. Jaden also enjoyed watching Chicago Bears football with his mother, solving crossword puzzles, starting water fights, attending church, and having his nails painted by his sisters.

Jaden is survived by his mother Teresa Keller of Niota, Illinois; four siblings: Kaylee Keller, Gracie Allen, Eli and Ethan Budoff; his uncle Jason (Jessica) Keller of Hamilton, Illinois; his grandparents Larry and Janet Keller of Niota, Illinois, and many other family members.

Funeral services will be held at 11 am on Saturday, December 14th, 2019, at Printy Funeral Home in Hamilton. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019, from 4 to 7 pm at Printy Funeral Home in Hamilton.

Memorials may be directed to University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.printyfuneralhome.com.

Printy Funeral Home in Hamilton is in charge of arrangements.

No details on plans for building on city's west side

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my anything other than they'd like it cleaned out," Gobble said.

According to a report in the Milwaukee Business Journal, Cool Investments, LLC is an Arizona-based company registered to Jeffrey Fry, who is also the registered agent for Fry Investment Co., of Scottsdale, Arizona.

Shopko initiated bankruptcy proceedings in January in Nebraska. After initially looking to restructure the company's finances through a buyer, the company decided to shutter most of its outlets.

A small presence of Shoptikals, which are Shopko Optical outlets are in operation, but Monarch Alternative Capital, bought up the Shopko's optical asset, and assisted in marketing close to 80 properties for sale or lease.

The Burlington Shopko property has also been sold, but Fort Madison mayor-elect Matt Mohrfeld said he didn't think it was to the same company. That building is being renovated for housing.



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Game	Draw Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time
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Mega Millions®	Tues & Fri	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Powerball®	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	9:59 pm
Lotto America SM	Wed & Sat	8:59 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 3 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 3 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm
Pick 4 - Midday	Daily	Noon	12:20 pm
Pick 4 - Evening	Daily	9:40 pm	10:00 pm



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12/8 EVENING
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OBITUARIES

JERRY FRANCIS HANKS

Jerry Francis Hanks, 81 of Keokuk, IA died Sunday, December 8, 2019 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL.

He was born March 14, 1938 in Keokuk, IA the son of William and Velma Frakes Hanks.



HANKS

Jerry graduated from Keokuk High School with the Class of 1957. He was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country from 1961-1963.

On September 15, 1967 he was united in marriage to Bonnie Gabel at the Nazarene Church in Keokuk. She survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, Teresa (Mike) Creach of Keokuk, two grandsons, Steve Davis of Keokuk and Toby Davis of Montrose, IA, one brother-in-law, Gary Felgar, one nephew, Bill Felgar and one niece, Kim Harper.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, William Hanks and Robert Hanks, one sister, Shirley Felgar and mother and father-in-law, Charles and Katheryn Gabel.

Jerry had been employed for Pepsi, Pryor Trucking, Sharkey's and Green Valley, until his retirement in 2005.

He was a member of the Keokuk Nazarene Church. He was also a member of the Barney Fife fan club.



Jerry enjoyed traveling and never missed an opportunity to take off on an adventure. He loved to mow grass and keep his cars immaculately clean. Jerry was a loving husband, father and grandfather and his family meant everything to him.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, at the Keokuk Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Dana Jurgens officiating. Burial with military rites will be in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or Shriners Hospital for Children.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

Pen City Current obituary policy

The Current runs obituaries one time at no charge to funeral homes and they run the day they are submitted in most cases. They are also run as submitted by the funeral homes.

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Chicken Strips	Macaroni & Cheese Bites
Jumbo Shrimp	
Tenderloins	
Burgers	

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Education News/Birth Announcements

HTC Releases 1st Quarter Honor Rolls

Fort Madison – Holy Trinity Catholic Schools released the first quarter student honor rolls for the 2019-20 school year. Pen City Current and our advertising partners congratulate all the students on their academic accomplishments.

4.0 Honor Roll

7th Grade
Anna Bendlage

8th Grade

Mary Kate Bendlage, Taegan Denning, Jenna Hellman, Natalie Randolph

9th Grade
Jacob Pothitakis

10th Grade
Lucy Graham, Abby Holtkamp, Jack Malinski, Mitchell Pothitakis, Kassidy Randolph, Anna Sobczak

11th Grade

Danny Caruso, Taylor Crabtree, Bailey Hellweg, Tina Huang, Ava Peitz, Maria Rauenbuehler, Chandler Rung, Jason Thurman, Vasin Thurman

12th Grade
Brandon Delaney, Ambrosia Dustin, Reagan Garrels, Jacob Mohrfeld, Ryan Otte, Nicole Pothitakis, Maille Sheerin

A Honor Roll
7th Grade

Isabella Callison, Kylie Fortune, Mason Kruse, Ellie Lake, Teagan Snaadt

8th Grade
Daltin Boeding, Michael Chapman, Conner Gehling, Reagan Holvoet, Sheldon Kruse, Ethan Peitz, Maddox Rung

9th Grade
Kayla Box, Alexa Dingman, Laura Mehmert, Rachel Menke, Brianna Wright

10th Grade
Jackson Blint, Jackson Van Hamme

11th Grade
Katherine Denning, Claire Pothitakis, Alison Robu, Annabelle Scheetz, John Stinson, Emma Torgler

12th Grade
Evan Ellison, Claire Graham, Ashlyn Haas, Matthew Hellige, Elle Rashid, Jason Rees, Quentin Schneider, Jayde Watznauer, DaYeong You

B Honor Roll
7th Grade
Henry Graham, Luke Hellige, Regan Schmitz, Brayton Schneider, Tobias Van Hamme

8th Grade
Jacob Hummel, Andrew Mehmert, Seth Moeller,

Mary Beth Scheetz, Edward Schroeder, James Stinson

9th Grade
Emily Boeding, Elliott Dostalek, Brooke Mueller, Riley Timmerman

10th Grade
Claire Brock, Mikey DiPrima, Tessa Gendron, Kelli Meierotto, Mya Schmitz, Raquel Schneider, Tyler Snaadt, Alexis Stalcup

11th Grade
Colby Bredemeyer, Kyle Knepp, Kadin Medland, Trevor Mohrfeld, Anna Schroeder, Mia Vradenburg

12th Grade
Blake Crabtree, Caleb Denning, Abby Dingman, Rhett Fullhart, Wyatt Hellman, Mason Holvoet

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Birth Announcements

MOLER

DONNELSON – Lindsey Howe, of Donnellson, is proud to announce the birth of her son Tucker Lee Moler, on Nov. 27, 2019 at Fort Madison Community Hospital.

Tucker joins Myah and Brantley Howe at home.

Grandparents are Kelly and Riley Skaar of Donnellson and Randie Moler of Burlington. Great-grandparents are Chuck and Peggy Lewis of Springfield, Ill., and Lucille Moler of Mediapolis.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

KOLZOW

FORT MADISON – Brittany and Kris Kolzow, of Fort Madison are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jason Alexandere Kolzow on Nov. 26, 2019.

Jason is joined at home by sister Lillian.

Pen City Current congratulates the family on this wonderful news.

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Sports

Hound jayvee wrestlers take six titles at Wapello

WAPELLO – Fort Madison took eight first-place finishes and six 2nd place finishes at the Saturday Wapello Junior Varsity Invitational.

Logan Kearns, Austin Miller, Quinton Ross, Aiden Pennock, Daniel Sokolik, Bryce Britton, Levi Lowney, and Cuyrin Ross all took first places in their division.

Complete results are listed below.
 Junior Varsity JV-1 Ace Meierotto's place is 2nd and has scored 4.0 team points. Round 1 – Ace Meierotto (Fort Madison) won by fall over Chayton Ramsey (Wilton) (Fall 1:40). Round 2 – Abby Blint (Mount Pleasant) won by decision over Ace Meierotto (Fort Madison) (Dec 7-6).
 Junior Varsity JV-5 Will Gager's place is 4th and has scored 2.0 team points. Round 1 – Jacob Bland (Fairfield) won by major decision over Will Gager (Fort Madison) (Maj 15-4). Round 2 – Bowen Davis (Mount Pleasant) won by fall over Will Gager (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:20). Round 3 – Ethan Paisley (Highland, Riverside) won by fall over Will Gager (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:36).

Junior Varsity JV-6 Logan Kearns' place is 1st and has scored 16.0 team points. Round 1 – Logan Kearns (Fort Madison) won by fall over Owen Baker (Burlington) (Fall 1:04). Round 2 – Logan Kearns (Fort Madison) won by fall over Maxwell Yohe (Wilton) (Fall 0:26). Round 3 – Logan Kearns (Fort Madison) won by fall over Dagan Burnett (Fairfield) (Fall 1:17).

Junior Varsity – JV-7: Chaz Fullenkamp's place is 3rd and has scored 6.0 team points. Round 1 – Chaz Fullenkamp (Fort Madison) won by fall over Bradley Neyens (Davenport West) (Fall 2:45). Round 2 – Jonathan Cox (Louisa-Muscatine) won by fall over Chaz Fullenkamp (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:28). Round 3 – Ryne Rogers (Notre Dame, Burlington) won by fall over Chaz Fullenkamp (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:24).

Junior Varsity JV-8 Macaden Rhoer's place is 3rd and has scored 4.5 team points. Round 1 – Macaden Rhoer (Fort Madison) won by decision over Cael McClaren (Fairfield) (Dec 8-5). Round 2 – Jacob Chamberlain (Wapello) won by injury default over Macaden Rhoer (Fort Madison) (Inj. 1:48). Round 3 – Reean Seberg (Mount Pleasant) won by injury default over Macaden Rhoer (Fort Madison) (Inj. 0:00).

Junior Varsity JV-9 Danny Savage's place is 2nd and has scored 9.5 team points. Round 1 – Danny Savage (Fort Madison) won by fall over Jacky Pham (Mount Pleasant) (Fall 4:00). Round 2 – Danny Savage (Fort Madison) won by decision over Tommy Jones (Fairfield) (Dec 11-8). Round 3 – Logan Bonebrake (Highland, Riverside) won by fall over Danny Savage (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:44).

Junior Varsity JV-10 Austin Miller's place is 1st and has scored 16.0 team points. Round 1 – Austin Miller (Fort Madison) won by fall over Wylie Jacobs (Louisa-Muscatine) (Fall 1:15). Round 2 – Austin Miller (Fort Madison) won by fall over Ty Gravert (Camanche) (Fall 0:17). Round 3 – Austin Miller (Fort Madison) won by fall over Lyblie Christof-

erson (Notre Dame, Burlington) (Fall 0:43).
 Junior Varsity JV-11 Dawson Hunt's place is 2nd and has scored 11.0 team points. Round 1 – Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) won by fall over Gage VanVeen (Fairfield) (Fall 1:36). Round 2 – Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) won by fall over Gannon McNamee (Mount Pleasant) (Fall 2:57). Round 3 – Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) won by major decision over Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) (Maj 18-8).

Junior Varsity JV-11 Quinton Ross's place is 1st and has scored 15.0 team points. Round 1 – Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) won by fall over Gannon McNamee (Mount Pleasant) (Fall 1:05). Round 2 – Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) won by fall over Gage VanVeen (Fairfield) (Fall 2:43). Round 3 – Quinton Ross (Fort Madison) won by major decision over Dawson Hunt (Fort Madison) (Maj 18-8).

Junior Varsity JV-12 Aidan Pennock's place is 1st and has scored 16.0 team points. Round 1 – Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) won by fall over Caleb Stevens (Davenport West) (Fall 2:00). Round 2 – Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) won by fall over Landon Whiting (Burlington) (Fall 0:36). Round 3 – Aidan Pennock (Fort Madison) won by fall over Cooper Garrison (Wapello) (Fall 2:38).

Junior Varsity JV-13 Daniel Sokolik's place is 1st and has scored 16.0 team points. Round 1 – Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) won by fall over Jacob Peters (Burlington) (Fall 1:44). Round 2 – Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) won by fall over Dalton Mondia (Fairfield) (Fall 1:38). Round 3 – Daniel Sokolik (Fort Madison) won by fall over Josiah Kampe (Camanche) (Fall 1:13).

Junior Varsity JV-14 Brandt Booten's place is 3rd and has scored 6.0 team points. Round 1 – Kendal Pugh (Louisa-Muscatine) won by decision over Brandt Booten (Fort Madison) (Dec 13-6). Round 2 – Brandt Booten (Fort Madison) won by fall over Kaleb Huxley (Wapello) (Fall 1:28). Round 3 – Ashton Urmie (Davenport West) won by fall over Brandt Booten (Fort Madison) (Fall 4:59).

Junior Varsity JV-15 Christian Vincent's place is 3rd and has scored 6.0 team points. Round 1 – Moise Cordero (Burlington) won by fall over Christian Vincent (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:52). Round 2 – Keaton McConahay (Wapello) won by fall over Christian Vincent (Fort Madison) (Fall 1:16). Round 3 – Christian Vincent (Fort Madison) won by fall over Matthew Hoenig (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:56).

Junior Varsity JV-15 Matthew Hoenig's place is 4th and has scored 2.0 team points. Round 1 – Keaton McConahay (Wapello) won by fall over Matthew Hoenig (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:03). Round 2 – Moise Cordero (Burlington) won by fall over Matthew Hoenig (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:22). Round 3 – Christian Vincent (Fort Madison) won by fall over Matthew Hoenig (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:56).

Junior Varsity JV-16 Brodey McGowan's place is 4th and has scored 2.0 team points. Round 1 – Caleb Zaugg (Burlington) won by fall over Brodey McGowan (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:23). Round 2 – Arya Patel (Fairfield) won by fall over Brodey McGowan (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:19). Round 3 – Clifton Hare (Davenport West) won by tech fall over Brodey

McGowan (Fort Madison) (TF 17-1).
 Junior Varsity JV-17 Austin Ensminger's place is 2nd and has scored 11.0 team points. Round 1 – Austin Ensminger (Fort Madison) won by fall over Morgan Butt (Camanche) (Fall 0:52). Round 2 – Austin Ensminger (Fort Madison) won by fall over Kolton Miller (Highland, Riverside) (Fall 0:32). Round 3 – Chayse Irving (Mount Pleasant) won by major decision over Austin Ensminger (Fort Madison) (Maj 10-1).

Junior Varsity JV-18 Mason Rohdy's place is 2nd and has scored 11.0 team points. Round 1 – Mason Rohdy (Fort Madison) won by fall over Gavin Schnepfer (Wilton) (Fall 2:15). Round 2 – Mason Rohdy (Fort Madison) won by fall over Payton Heath (Davenport West) (Fall 2:45). Round 3 – Dylan Cowick (Mount Pleasant) won by fall over Mason Rohdy (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:33).

Junior Varsity JV-19 Bryce Britton's place is 1st and has scored 14.5 team points. Round 1 – Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) won by decision over Gavin Sharp (Camanche) (Dec 13-8). Round 2 – Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) won by fall over Lesone Bitterman (Wilton) (Fall 2:15). Round 3 – Bryce Britton (Fort Madison) won by fall over Pat Jones (Fairfield) (Fall 0:35).

Junior Varsity JV-20 Levi Lowney's place is 1st and has scored 16.0 team points. Round 1 – Levi Lowney (Fort Madison) won by fall over Nick Kroeger (Davenport West) (Fall 1:50). Round 2 – Levi Lowney (Fort Madison) won by fall over Javier Marquez (Camanche) (Fall 1:48). Round 3 – Levi Lowney (Fort Madison) won by injury default over Trey Hunter (Fairfield) (Inj. 0:19).

Junior Varsity JV-21 Chance Decker's place is 2nd and has scored 9.5 team points. Round 1 – Chance Decker (Fort Madison) won by decision over Eli Slaymaker (Highland, Riverside) (Dec 8-7). Round 2 – Chance Decker (Fort Madison) won by fall over Emanuel Nunez-Villareal (Burlington) (Fall 5:25). Round 3 – Luis Marquez (Camanche) won by decision over Chance Decker (Fort Madison) (Dec 8-3).

Junior Varsity JV-23 Johnathan Linder's place is 4th and has scored 2.0 team points. Round 1 – Justin Sosa (Highland, Riverside) won by fall over Johnathan Linder (Fort Madison) (Fall 2:46). Round 2 – Ethan Middendorp (Camanche) won by fall over Johnathan Linder (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:33). Round 3 – Cesar Castellanos (Fairfield) won by fall over Johnathan Linder (Fort Madison) (Fall 3:29).

Junior Varsity JV-24 Ashton Peterschmidt's place is 4th and has scored 2.0 team points. Round 1 – Christian Kleppe (Wilton) won by fall over Ashton Peterschmidt (Fort Madison) (Fall 0:51). Round 2 – Garet Gustaf (Davenport West) won by forfeit over Ashton Peterschmidt (Fort Madison) (FF). Round 3 – Spencer Kessel (Louisa-Muscatine) won by forfeit over Ashton Peterschmidt (Fort Madison) (FF).

Junior Varsity JV-25 Cuyrin Ross's place is 1st and has scored 9.0 team points. Round 1 – Cuyrin Ross (Fort Madison) won by fall over Kyle Whestine (Highland, Riverside) (Fall 0:51). Round 3 – Cuyrin Ross (Fort Madison) won by fall over Kekai Seumanutafa (Wapello) (Fall 1:17).

FMMS boys knock off Mt. Pleasant

MT. PLEASANT – Julian Dear and Caden Barnes combined for 22 points to help the FMMS 7th grade boys A team to a 46-38 win over Mt. Pleasant Thursday.

Aiden Mitchel had nine points, while Marcus Guzman added eight and Dayton Lamar chipped in with seven points and led the Little Hounds in rebounds with six. Brody Cashman had five boards in the win.

Mt. Pleasant won the B game 28-18. Chandler Fullencamp had six points and a rebound for Fort Madison. Noah Swigart added four points. Kalib Heibreyder scored two and Tatum Schelich added a point.

Kenden Bowie and Brady Wade each had two points in the Hounds 11-4 loss in the C game. Zayen Speer and Jack Johnstun each had two rebounds in the loss.

HTC eighth graders still unbeaten

FORT MADISON – HTC moved to 8-0 with a 34-25 win at home over West Burlington Thursday.

Mary Kate Bendlage had 15 points to lead Holy Trinity. Natalie Randolph scored 11, while Jenna Hellman had four. Reagan Holvoet and Taegan Denning each chipped in with two points.

The seventh graders moved to 7-1 with a 47-8 win over West Burlington. The Crusaders had three players in double figures led by Isabella Callison with 17 points, Anna Bendlage with 15, and Teagan Snaadt with a dozen on the night. Ellie Lake scored three.

HTC plays at home Monday against Cardinal starting at 4:30 p.m.

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CURRENT-LEE

LEE COUNTY – The following is a list of current events and happenings in Fort Madison and north Lee County as submitted to the Pen City Current.

The Enchanted Forest

The Fort Madison Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Enchanted Forest again this year in the Old Lee County Bank Building at 803 Avenue G. Businesses have sponsored Christmas trees that will be on display each Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tree of Love Gatherings

Lee County Health Department is once again hosting a series of gatherings to help and support those dealing with the loss of a loved one over the holidays. Each Event is Wednesday's during the month of December from 2 to 3 p.m. at #3 John Bennett Drive in Fort Madison. Call 372-5225 for more information.

Santa at Kempkers

Santa will be onsite again this year Kempker's True Value & Rental in Fort Madison on Thursday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents are invited to bring the camera and take pictures of their children with the jolly old elf and take advantage of holiday sales.

Rudolph on stage at Sondheim

The original television comes to life with all the favorite characters, Youth tickets only \$15. The beloved stop-motion animated television classic, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, made its network television debut in 1964, delighting audiences across the country. The "most famous reindeer of all" from the longest running and highest rated

television special comes to life in RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER: THE MUSICAL, Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m at the Sondheim Theater in Fairfield

Partners Annual Dinner

The Fort Madison Annual Dinner is set for Feb. 21, 2020.

Holiday Window competition

Businesses are being encouraged to take part in the Fort Madison Partner's Holiday Window Display Competition. Decorate a window, send a picture, get likes on Facebook and the business with the most hits wins. Deadline to sign up is Nov. 27. Windows will go on Facebook starting Dec. 4 with voting from Dec. 4-11th. The winner will be announced Dec. 13.

Weekly Book Sale

Friends of the Fort Madison Public Library is holding a weekly book sales from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. on Thursday's at the Public Library.

Visit with Santa

Dollhouse Dreams, 820 Avenue G is hosting an afternoon with Santa on Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children will be able to visit with Santa, get a photo, make an ornament, and write a letter for Santa to take back to the North Pole.

Immunization Clinic

Lee County Health Department will be holding a Children's Immunization Clinic Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2330 Plank Road in Keokuk from 1:00 pm

until 4:30 p.m. The clinic is open to children who have no insurance, are insured by Iowa Medicaid (MCO) or those who have private health insurance that does not cover the cost of vaccines. No appointment is necessary. Written parental consent is required for minors to receive vaccinations when in the care of another adult. (Please visit our website for a consent form.) Free lead testing is available for all children ages 6 months to 6 years who reside in Iowa.

Kensington events

The Kensington is offering Senior's Only Community Bingo on the second Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. The event is free for seniors and cash prizes are awarded. Caregivers Connection is held the 4th Tuesday of every month at noon. Call 319-372-4233 to reserve your seat.

LCHD Health Clinics

A senior health clinic will be held on Dec. 10 at Mississippi Terrace in Keokuk from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and at Hillview Village in Fort Madison from 10:30 a.m. to noon. On Dec. 12 clinics will be held at River Terrace in Keokuk from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. as well as an Immunization Clinic from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church.

FM Day at Carver Hawkeye

It will be Fort Madison Day at Carver Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. Tickets for the game include a t-shirt for \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. A bus ticket for a Trailways ride to the game is \$5. Tickets can be purchased through Dec. 11 at the Partners office.



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Reynolds ties recidivism to state's skills gap

DES MOINES— On Thursday, Governor Kim Reynolds highlighted her efforts to reduce recidivism in Iowa during the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board Meeting. Reynolds highlighted her 2nd chance initiatives and how those tie into the state's overall workforce development plan. This quarterly meeting of the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board occurred at Indiana Women's Prison in Indianapolis.

"Iowa's strong labor market has made it a necessity to bolster our workforce and address the skills gap holistically," said Gov. Reynolds. "Reducing recidivism is a key tool in our arsenal because when ex-offenders find a career, it opens doors for them and our employers seeking workers. It's exciting to share what we are doing in Iowa to give Iowans a second chance at life and I look forward to building on today's conversations and collaboration as we continue to expand economic opportunities for all Iowans."

Reynolds participated in the meeting with Advisor to the President Ivanka Trump, U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, Apple CEO Tim Cook and other executives from business and industry.

Earlier this year, Gov. Reynolds was appointed to the American Workforce Policy Advisory Board. Established under Executive Order 13845, this Board will work directly with the National Council for the American Worker, leveraging the knowledge of its members to develop and implement a strategy to revamp the American workforce to better meet the challenges of the 21st century. She has also been appointed to two subcommittees, "Modernize Candidate Recruitment and Training Practices," and "Develop a Campaign to Promote Multiple Pathways to Career Success."

Gov. Reynolds has championed several initiatives that focus on providing second chances to offenders. She recently launched the Fueling Ongoing Collaboration and Uncovering Solutions (FOCUS) Committee this past November and the committee has begun to make recommendations to reduce recidivism through successful offender re-entry. Reynolds has also participated in an employer roundtable at the Mitchellville Correctional Facility and plans to attend another at North Central Correctional Facility later this month.

LCHD's 2nd Tree of Love gathering Wednesday

FORT MADISON – The second of three of the Lee County Health Department's Hospice Tree of Love Gatherings will be on Wednesday, December 11th from 2:00-3:00pm around the LCHD Tree of Love in the lobby of LCHD (#3 John Bennett Drive, Fort Madison). The gatherings are free and open to the public.

This week's gathering will focus on listening to live music by Denise Coovert, LCHD Licensed Music Therapist. Request your favorite songs, including holiday songs, to learn about how music can heal.

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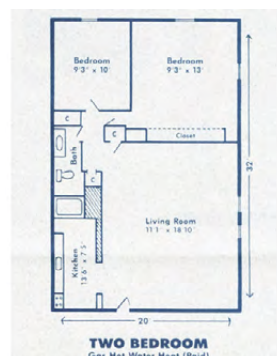
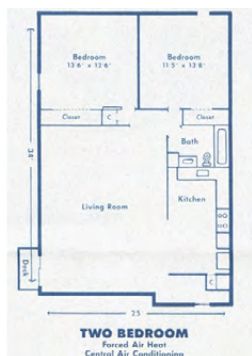
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From the Front/Weather

Castro talks education, health care and a fair country

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nation, saying it's "obscene" that insulin in America is 10 times the cost of the drug in Canada. He said it's also obscene that drug companies can jack up the price of medications just because they want to.

"You folks all remember the epi-pen from a few years ago. Nothing changed, they just knew they could get away with jacking up the prices," he said.

He wants to address patents where loopholes could be eliminated that keep life-saving drugs from becoming generics. He also held party line with other Democrats and said a hybrid health care system where everyone would qualify for Medicare, but could opt out if they preferred the private system they currently have.

Castro is out in front of the Democratic pack on criminal justice saying that the country needs to beef up the number of public defenders to make legal assistance more attainable for everyone.

He advocates for the legalization and regulation of marijuana and said if Colorado can do it successfully, so can the country.

"I say that as someone who doesn't even drink. I've never tried it and I don't drink, but I know this, the evidence is very strong that we can regulate this instead of putting people behind bars," Castro said.

Castro came from less than modest upbringings where he and his brother grew up with a single, working mother who also supported his grandmother.

"I watched my own mom work as a single mom providing for my brother and me and my grandma so I know there are a lot of families out there struggling just to keep it together," he said.

"I know in our family we worried about whether we would have enough money to make the rent."

He said he hated grocery lists because they were so short and he couldn't get anything added because they didn't have the money.

He said raising the minimum wage and supporting labor unions are key to rebuilding the working poor and middle classes.

"Now we have this gig economy where a lot of folks are just independent contractors. You have no benefits, you basically have nothing."

Castro stipulated that a robust private sector creating jobs and opportunity is vital to America's economy, but he said anyone who dedicates their time working 40 or 50 hours should be compensated enough to provide for a family.

"Not all that wealth should go to the top sector of folks in the country and over the last four years, that's what's been happening," he said.

"I've been very clear that I'm not only standing up for the middle class and hard working families, but also for people who are poor."

Castro said the next president is going to have a lot of

cleaning up to do because President Trump has wrecked our relationships with countries around the world and pointed to recent slights to Canada.

"How do you get on the other end of Canada?" he said to laughs from the crowd.

He said he wanted to help some of the third world countries like Honduras and Guatemala, to help address the immigration issues at the source so those people don't have to flee for a better life.

He also wants to introduce benchmarks for a clean energy economy by 2045.

"I came here tonight to ask for your support. We have eight weeks left and that's eight lifetimes in politics," he said.

He said people are looking for three things in their candidate - someone with the right executive experience, the right vision, and someone who can beat President Trump.

"We lost in 2016 by 77,000 collectively in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania. I know I can go and get back those 77,000 votes and the 29 electoral votes in Florida that we lost by 1% point."

He said believes he can win back Arizona and compete for the 38 electoral votes in Texas.

"We just hit the filing deadline at 6 o'clock today and we have more Democrats running than we have in 40 years. It's gonna be a great year in Texas."

Last hospice grief session Dec. 18

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"Music can help us remember fond memories of loved ones who are no longer with us," says Michele Ross, LCHD Administrator.

The last gathering will be on Wednesday, December 18th.

The session takes place in conjunction with the LHCD-Hospice Tree of Love which allows people to support hospice through ornaments in honor/memory of loved ones. Purchase of an ornament is not required to participate in the Tree of Love Gatherings.

The public can attend one or all the sessions. A RSVP is not necessary, but appreciated. If you have any questions about the Tree of Love Gatherings please call LCHD at (319)372-5225 or (800)458-6672.

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5-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

TUE 10 Dec
 Overcast
 High- 26.5° F | Low - 19.8° F

WED 11 Dec
 Clear
 High- 30.6° F | Low - 25.9° F

THU 12 Dec
 Overcast
 High- 43.6° F | Low - 34.3° F

FRI 13 Dec
 Overcast
 High- 42.0° F | Low - 38.3° F

SAT 14 Dec
 Snow
 High- 29.4° F | Low - 22.0° F

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